Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will you kindly enquire ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—If the Member is very anxious to do it, the Government will try to do it. Government do not feel any necessity.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Have the Government done anything to expedite the conclusions of this survey ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Since the question referred to is the one regarding economic survey, what prevented the Government from referring the question to the officer who is conducting the economic survey ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government have decided on what points he should furnish information. He cannot go on varying his programme every now and then. If question after question is referred to him, he will never be able to finish his survey.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval..— The economic survey will be very economic.

Standard life of Cochinites.

316. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to Question No. 93 dated 1st August 1933 regarding the highest average and lowest standard of life of Cochinites, will the Government give the information required after such a long interval?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The question is too vague to admit of a direct answer.

Mr. K. M Ibrahim.—May I know, Sir, wherein is the Hon'ble Member confronted with the vagueness ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The vagueness is in the attempt to find out the highest average. There is only one average. The next is to find out the standard of life of each Cochinite, and then attempt to work out the highest average and the lowest standard. The next is to find out what is the lowest standard to make a comparison between the standards of life. The Government think it is necessary to go to each Cochinite to investigate and then attempt to find out the highest average and the lowest standard of life.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—May I know what is meant by the lowest standard of life? Absolutely incomprehensible.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.— For knowing the lowest standard of life you must know how people are eating and how people are clothing.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Has the Government understood the question highest comma, average comma and lowest comma. If that were put and printed, will the question be clear?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Any number of commas may be inserted. The Government still maintain that the question is still vague.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government give a classified statement of how the subjects of the State are eating drinking and clothing.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Government cannot give a classified statement of all these.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is it the position of the Government that English is a vague language?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I don't think an answer is necessary for that.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—If the Government cannot give a direct answer, can you give us an indirect answer in the matter?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—We only give direct answers.

Labour Repression in Cochin.

317. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government kindly state:—

whether they have read all the series of the Leaders of Karshaka-Thozhilali under the heading "Labour Repression in Cochin" (Vide some of my questions as well above)?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes.

318. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government kindly state:—

(a) whether there are any points requiring their enquiry in the leading article of Karshaka-Thozhilali in its 98th issue and what the points are;

(b) the result of their enquiry mentioned in (a)?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) and (b) The allegations are unfounded.

319. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to Question No. 318 will the Government kindly state:—

(a) whether in all the remaining instalments of the Journal's Leaders on the same subject, namely "Labour Repression in Cochin", there are any points requiring their enquiry and what those points are;

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